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Mr. Tom Wicker
New York Times
1701 K St., nw
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Wicker,

As I recall your parting words Wednesday, they were to the effect that when I decided there was no prospect of American publication of my book, you'd be interested in reading it, although you didn't think there was anything you could do about it.

I will now decide there is no chance of American publication. Perhaps I lack perspective and detachment, but I think I have done an important, possibly historic thing for our country and our principles. On the mercenary side, we have a very considerable investment, including about 7,000 hours of my wife's time and my own.

Not at this particular moment, outside of these things one cannot anticipate, I see no immediate prospects. Perhaps a contract for European publication, or the appearance of Dwight Macdonald's book, or some event will change this. But I see nothing right now.

So, I hope your eyes can tolerate the poor quality of our recently-acquired but ancient Thermo-Fax. The only other copy I have is the ribbon copy, from which my wife is typing an additional copy and I am also Thermo-Faxing. The other copies are in Europe.

If I tell you what I see you, I ask nothing except the preservation of confidence. If, after reading it, you have any suggestions, or see any way in which you might help, I'd certainly appreciate it. And I do thank you for your time and willingness. I have a complete marked set of the 26 volumes if you'd like to see them.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg